Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph **[0024]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0024] Fig. 1 is a plan view showing the permanent magnet member for a VCM in accordance with an embodiment;

Fig. 2 is a view showing a first mode of the cross-sectional structure of the permanent magnet member taken along the line A-A of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a view showing a second mode of the cross-sectional structure of the permanent magnet member taken along the line A-A of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a view showing a third mode of the cross-sectional structure of the permanent magnet member taken along the line A-A of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the VCM in accordance with an embodiment;

Fig. 6 is a view schematically showing the cross-sectional structure at the bonding part between the permanent magnet member for a VCM and a yoke in the VCM shown in ~~Fig. 5;~~ ~~and~~ Fig. 5;

Fig. 7 is a perspective view showing a ~~conventional VCM.~~ conventional VCM; and

Fig. 8 is a view showing the cross-sectional structure of an embodiment of the permanent magnet member for a VCM taken along the line B-B of Fig. 1.

Please replace paragraph **[0027]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0027] Fig. 1 is a plan view showing the permanent magnet member for a VCM in accordance with this embodiment. Figs. 2 to 4 are views showing first to third modes of the cross-sectional structure of the permanent magnet member for a VCM taken along the line A-A of Fig. 1. Fig. 8 is a view showing an embodiment of the cross-sectional structure of the permanent magnet member for a VCM taken along the line B-B of Fig. 1. The permanent magnet member 10 for a VCM comprises a shorter periphery 11, a longer periphery 12

opposing the shorter periphery 11 with a predetermined distance therebetween, and side peripheries 13 and 14 connecting the shorter periphery 11 and longer periphery 12 to each other. The permanent magnet member 10 has a planar form with an upper face 32 (first surface) and a bottom face 33 (second surface) which are located on the upper and lower sides of a peripheral part 30 constituted by the shorter periphery 11, longer periphery 12, and side peripheries 13, 14. This permanent magnet member 10 has a fan-shaped planar form.

Please replace paragraph **[0028]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0028] Preferably, thus configured permanent magnet member 10 has a thickness of 5 mm or less. Here, the thickness of the permanent magnet member 10 refers to the distance between the upper face 32 and bottom face 33, and is represented by t in ~~Figs. 2 to 4.~~ Figs. 2 to 4 and 8. As depicted, the thickness t is the sum of the thickness t1 of the magnet body 1 and the thickness t2 of the Ni coating film 2 acting as the corrosion-resistant film. The thickness of the permanent magnet member 10 may be 3 or 2 mm or less as appropriate.

Please replace paragraph **[0092]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0092] The thicknesses t2 in the center part (region indicated by c in ~~Figs. 2 to 4~~Figs. 2 to 4 and 8) and acute angle end parts (the intersections between the longer periphery 12 and side periphery 13 and between the longer periphery 12 and side periphery 14) of the Ni plating films 2 formed on the respective magnet bodies 1 were as shown in Table 1. The Ni plating films 2 for the respective permanent magnet members 10 were formed while the current density and plating time were set as shown in Table 2.

Please replace paragraph **[0094]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0094] In each of thus obtained permanent magnet members 10, the peripheral part 30 projected from the area surrounded by the peripheral part 30. Also, as shown in Table 1, the thickness attained the maximum value (max) of 1.500 mm at the acute angle end parts, and the minimum value (min) at the center part c (see ~~Figs. 2 to 4~~Figs. 2 to 4 and 8).

Please replace the Abstract with the attached amended Abstract.